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About 20 November 1953, a fire broke out at the "Ernest Thaelmann" Spinning Mill in Iliyantsi (N 42-45, E 23-18), about six kilometers north of Sofia. This factory, inaugurated late in 1951, is the most important spinning mill in Bulgaria. The cotton warehouse, which contained large quantities of Egyptian and Soviet cotton which had recently arrived, burned to the ground. The factory itself remained intact. The managers of the plant were arrested. Investigators allegedly attributed the fire to malevolence, but not to sabotage for political motives.

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